

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1) An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jori Krischke on 9/29/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following in claim 8:

16, 17, AND 18
Claim 8 Lines 15 and 16 replace with the following: --higher compared to ~~than~~ a temperature used for bringing the seed crystal into contact with the silicon melt in a method of manufacturing a silicon single crystal ~~using~~ in Dash Necking method,--
Please delete claims 14-16.

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REASONS for ALLOWANCE

2) The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Iino (US Patent No. 6,197,108) and Sonoda (US Patent No. 5,911,823),